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Thursday, June 25, 2020

SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT ENDORSES ORDER ON FACE COVERINGS

The Snohomish Health District supports and endorses the face cover order, effective tomorrow.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE STATEMENT ON FACE COVER ORDER

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The Snohomish County Sheriff's Office will continue to communicate with and encourage community members to make safety-focused decisions and follow all health-based directives from the Governor as well as state and local health officials.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAILY BRIEFING

Snohomish Health District Endorses Order on Face Coverings

The Snohomish Health District supports and endorses Secretary Wiesman's face covering order effective June 26, 2020. This has been a topic that many residents and businesses have been advocating for, so we are anticipating overall compliance with the order here in Snohomish County.

However, we also know there have been questions. To help with that, we have released [a new blog](#). In summary, if you do see someone without a face covering, we encourage you to avoid engaging or attempting to correct them about it. Assume positive intent on their part and that they fall into criteria that excludes them from wearing a face covering. If you do have concerns about a business or organization not supporting the Secretary's order or about any other Safe Start non-compliance, you can submit a complaint online here: <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/how-you-can-help/covid-19-business-and-worker-inquiries>.

what do I do when I see someone NOT wearing a face covering in public?



Nothing. Do not confront others that are not wearing appropriate face coverings. If you can, give yourself enough room to socially distance yourself from that person (at least six feet).



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Snohomish County Sheriff's Office Statement on Face Cover Order

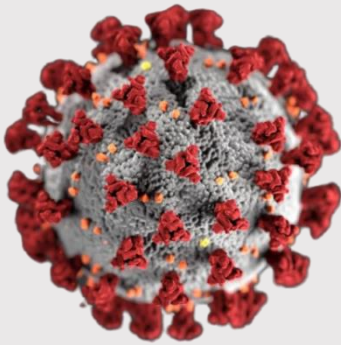
Washington law enforcement agencies continue to focus on education and engagement regarding state orders related to the coronavirus crisis. The statewide face covering order is a public health and safety measure, it is not a mandate for law enforcement to detain, cite or arrest violators but rather an evidence-based and safety focused directive meant to slow the spread of a potentially deadly disease.



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VIDEO: REMEMBER TO BRING THE THREE ESSENTIALS

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Together, we will continue to address the very real public health threat of COVID-19, as we also work to safely reopen our economic, social and civic systems.

We trust the residents of Snohomish County to do what is necessary during this unique time of shared medical vulnerability and gradual return to social and economic normalcy.

VIDEO: Remember to Bring the Three Essentials

The Joint Information Center on Wednesday published a brief social media video that reminds everyone to bring the three essentials -- face covering, hand sanitizer and water -- when we're out and about. Please share.

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@SnoCo_DEM



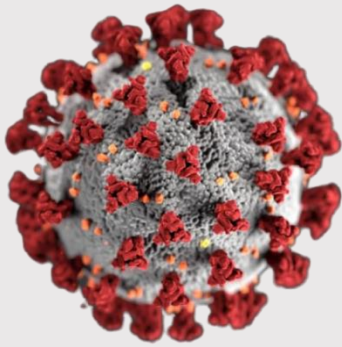
Being able to see a few friends again in Phase 2 has been great. When we're out and about, it's important to remember to bring along "The Three Essentials," which include a face covering, hand sanitizer and water.

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SNOHOMISH COUNTY ANNOUNCES GRANT AWARDS OF OVER \$12 MILLION IN CARES ACT FUNDING

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ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS SEEKS FEEDBACK FROM PARENTS AND STUDENTS ABOUT REOPENING SCHOOLS IN THE FALL

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Snohomish County Announces Grant Awards of Over \$12 Million in CARES Act Funding

Today, Snohomish County announced grant awards for the Relief, Recovery and Resiliency (R3) and the First in Flight (F3) grant programs. These grant programs are part of the county's plan to use federal CARES Act resources to support those businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Supporting small businesses, aerospace companies, and our Paine Field cluster of enterprises will be key to our economic recovery," said Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers. "These grant funds will not only help companies impacted by COVID-19 but also assist people in getting back on their feet more quickly by preserving jobs. We know recovery will take time. These funds offer our community hope, make a difference in the lives of many, and allow our local businesses to continue to do what they do best: providing services and goods to our residents."

"Across Snohomish County, successful companies have been damaged by the COVID-19 pandemic, and one of the County's top priorities is speeding federal funds to them," said Snohomish County Council Chair Nate Nehring. "We want workers and business owners to open safely and rebuild our economic momentum. Families are depending on all of us doing our part."

Read more [here](#).

Arlington Public Schools Seeks Feedback from Parents and Students About Reopening Schools in the Fall

Arlington Public School is asking parents/guardians and students to complete a survey to help the district determine the best options for re-opening schools this fall.

Since May, several district teams have been meeting to discuss the best models for reopening schools based on Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) guidance which includes requirements from the Washington Department of Health and Washington Labor & Industry.

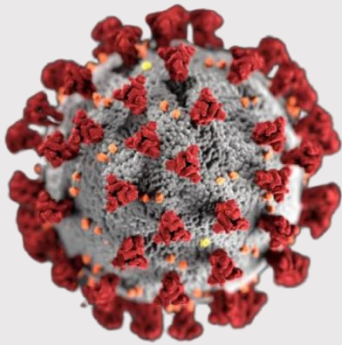
In addition, the district has formed a Reopening Arlington Schools 2020 (RAS20) committee comprised of students, parents, teachers, staff, administrators and community members to look at the different options. The RAS20 committee will review the OSPI guidance and the staff, student and parent survey results to identify and recommend the best model/s for reopening Arlington schools in the fall.

"We sent out a reopening survey to staff last Friday and have received hundreds of responses," said Arlington Public Schools Superintendent, Dr. Chrys Sweeting. "We want to make sure parents and students have the same opportunity to respond."

The parent/guardian survey is available here: [APS Parent Reopening Survey](#).

The survey will only take a few minutes to complete. If you have more than one child in our district, please complete a survey for each child.

We would also like feedback from students. Parents, please have your child complete the following student survey: [APS Student Reopening Survey](#).



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STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADDRESSES HOME-MADE CARDS AND FACE COVERS

The governor's mask mandate does have exemptions, including people with certain disabilities or health conditions. But a business or government agency is not forced to allow you inside. They can make reasonable accommodations.

ICYMI: STATE EMERGENCY OFFICIALS ARE DISTRIBUTING MILLIONS OF FREE FACE COVERINGS TO ALL LOW-INCOME WASHINGTONIANS

Snohomish County has received or will be receiving approximately 298,750 face coverings and is currently working on plans for distribution.

State Emergency Management Addresses Home-Made Cards and Face Covers

We've been seeing claims from people who are going to cite the Americans With Disabilities Act as a reason for them to walk into any business they choose without a mask. They've printed home-made cards and are keeping them in their wallet or purse.

The governor's mask mandate does have exemptions, including people with certain disabilities or health conditions. But a business or government agency is not forced to allow you inside. They can make reasonable accommodations. Examples include:

- ▶ Allow a person to wear a scarf, loose face covering or full-face shield instead of a face mask;
- ▶ Allow customers to order online with curbside pick-up or no contact delivery in a timely manner;
- ▶ Allow customers to order by phone with curb-side pick-up or no contact delivery in a timely manner;
- ▶ Allow a person to wait in a car for an appointment and enter the building when called or texted; or
- ▶ Offer appointments by telephone or video calls.

The Northwest ADA Center is referring residents to this website from their partner agency for more information:

<https://www.adasoutheast.org/.../ada-and-face-mask-policies.p...>

There are also many fake ADA flyers that were never issued by the Department of Justice. More information here https://www.ada.gov/covid-19_flyer_alert.html

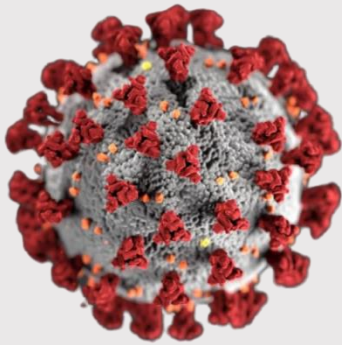
For more on the myths and facts about cloth face coverings via the Washington State Department of Health: <https://medium.com/.../myths-and-facts-about-cloth-face-cover...>

In Case You Missed It: State Emergency Officials Are Distributing Millions of Free Face Coverings to All Low-Income Washingtonians

As counties begin to reopen, wearing a face covering can help save lives and prevent the spread of COVID-19. But not everyone can easily buy or make them. State officials launched a program earlier this month to ensure access to free, reusable cloth face coverings for all low-income Washingtonians.

Personnel with the state's Emergency Management Division, in partnership with the procurement team at the state Department of Enterprise Services, purchased 3.6 million cloth face masks with a plan to distribute two masks to every Washingtonian below 200% of the federal poverty level (which equates to \$52,400 for a family of four). In just two weeks, the state distributed nearly 2.8 million masks and is working on filling the remaining orders from local emergency management offices. The state delivers the face coverings to local emergency management offices who then work with various community organizations and service providers to deliver them to individuals.

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GOVERNOR INSLEE RELEASES PLAN TO REOPEN HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE FALL

Guidance for reopening in-person instruction at higher education institutions has been released.

KREIDLER EXTENDS WITHHELD DEPRECIATION DEADLINE FOR INSURANCE CLAIMS FOR BUILDING REPAIRS

Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler has extended an emergency order that requires insurers to extend deadlines related to withheld depreciation for home or building repairs as part of a property loss claim.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND RETURN-TO-WORK PROGRAM NEWS

See the latest updates on unemployment and return-to-work programs at right.

Governor Inslee Releases Plan to Reopen Higher Education in the Fall

Gov. Jay Inslee was joined yesterday by presidents of Washington colleges and universities to unveil the [guidance for reopening](#) in-person instruction at higher education institutions in the fall.

Wednesday's announcement came with a [proclamation](#) providing specific health guidance for four-year public and private institutions, as well as two-year community and technical colleges, apprenticeships and private career schools.

"Each campus is different—varying in size, location, mission, and academic programs. But everywhere, students and educators are clearly ready to get back to campus both to learn and to enjoy this unique period in their lives," Inslee said during a press conference Wednesday. "However, we must acknowledge the need for equitable student outcomes under these circumstances and that student health must be paramount."

Included in the health [guidance](#) are requirements already in place across much of the state. Masks, limits on class size, symptom monitoring, personal protective equipment availability and approval from local health districts. These requirements are in addition, not a substitute for, health requirements already in place.

Understanding that not every campus is the same, each institution will develop and implement its own Safe Back-to-School Plan. Higher education institutions have already been working with their local health jurisdictions throughout this pandemic, and that is expected to continue.

Read the rest of the story on the [governor's Medium page](#).

Kreidler Extends Withheld Depreciation Deadline for Insurance Claims for Building Repairs

Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler extended an emergency order that requires insurers to extend deadlines relating to withheld depreciation for policyholders who are in the process of completing home or building repairs as part of a property loss claim under a replacement cost policy.

The deadline is extended 30 days to July 26. The original order, issued on April 27, expires June 26.

[Read the full release.](#)

Unemployment and Return-to-Work Program News

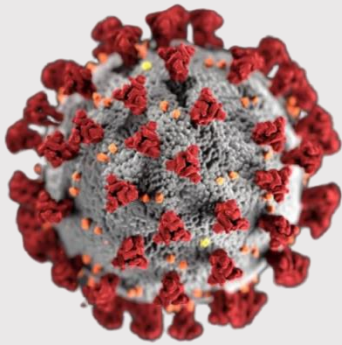
Unemployment benefit work search requirement suspended until July 1.

Claimants are typically required to look for work and document their job search to remain eligible for unemployment benefits. This requirement has been suspended until July 1. Claimants may wish to revisit the [job search requirement page](#) as this deadline approaches.

ESD to limit inbound calls between June 24 and July 2.

The Employment Security Department will temporarily restrict inbound claim center calls to prioritize customers waiting the longest for their benefits. Customers will still be able to apply for benefits and submit weekly claims online or by phone at 800-318-6022. Customers may also call 833-572-8400 for answers to general unemployment questions NOT specific to a particular claim.

Special holiday alert: All Washington state agencies will be closed July 3-4 in observance of the Independence Day holiday, as will the U.S. Postal



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OTHER RECOVERY PROGRAMMING

Links at right to small business planning and recovery resources and tools.

GOVERNOR INSLEE CLARIFIES TRAVEL RESTRICTION ANNOUNCEMENT

Travelers from Washington will not have quarantine for 14 days when traveling to New York, New Jersey, or Connecticut.

Service and most banking institutions. However, ESD claims center staff could be making outbound calls over the holiday weekend to resolve pending claims.

SharedWork program helps businesses keep employees at reduced hours.

ESD's [SharedWork](#) allows employers flexibility to retain workers at reduced hours. The program offers partial unemployment benefits to workers whose hours are reduced by as much as 50 percent. Employees can begin to return to work and earn nearly a full paycheck.

Unemployment adjudication average is currently 8 weeks.

The Employment Security Department is working to address a [current backlog](#) of 33,393 claimants. The average wait time for adjudicated claims has been eight weeks. To avoid adjudication, new applicants should carefully follow ESD's [Unemployment Benefits Application Checklist](#) and review the [Regular/Expanded Unemployment Eligibility Checker](#).

Other Recovery Programming

Small Business Crisis Planning and Recovery Tools Are Available

The Department of Commerce has organized planning and recovery resources for small Washington businesses. [Visit the page](#) to learn about community WiFi hotspots, return-to-work plans, and state and federal funding opportunities.

Requirements and Resources for Small Businesses Webinar

This webinar series offers information specific to small businesses and a panel of state agency representatives to respond to live Q&A. The next webinar will be held on [June 30 at 9 a.m.](#)

Governor Inslee Clarifies Travel Restriction Announcement

[Twitter](#)



Governor Jay Inslee
@GovInslee

Travelers from WA will NOT have to quarantine for 14 days when traveling to NY, NJ or CT.

We do not meet the risk criteria and were added in error. Washington has been removed from the list.



Joseph O'Sullivan
@OlympiaJoe · 1h

NOW: @GovInslee says WA was erroneously put on the NJ/NY/CT quarantine list.

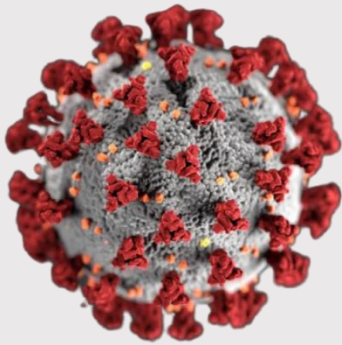
So WA won't be subject to those provisions.

Remarks kick off news conference on Inslee announcement of safety guidelines for higher-ed institutions against #COVID19

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DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR THE PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM (PPP) IS JUNE 30

There is one week left for small businesses, nonprofits, independent contractors, and other eligible borrowers to access a forgivable loan through the PPP.

CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE CASES OF COVID-19 IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Data on case counts are available on the Snohomish Health District [website](#) and the Washington State Department of Health [dashboard](#).

ESSENTIAL LINKS AND PHONE NUMBERS FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION

- [Snohomish Health District](#)
- [Snohomish County](#)
- [Snohomish County COVID-19 Response & Community Resource Hub](#)
- [Washington State Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- Snohomish County COVID-19 Phone Line: **425-388-3944**
- Washington State COVID-19 Hotline: Call **1-800-525-0127** or text **211-211 for help**. For information to be texted to you, text **Coronavirus** to **211-211**.

Deadline to Apply for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) is June 30

There is one week left for small businesses, nonprofits, independent contractors and other eligible borrowers to access a forgivable loan through the [Paycheck Protection Program](#) (PPP).

[PPP loans](#) are made by more than 4,500 participating PPP lenders nationwide and are guaranteed by the SBA. Interested borrowers should apply with local lenders who then submit the application to the SBA for approval.

The SBA will forgive [PPP loans](#) if all employees are kept on the payroll for eight weeks and the money is used for payroll, rent, mortgage interest, or utilities.

Confirmed and Probable Cases of COVID-19 in Snohomish County (as of June 25, 2020)

Case Count	Last Updated: 1:30 p.m.
Confirmed	3,396
Probable	467
Deaths	165*

*As of 6/24. Update for 6/25 pending at the time of this publication.

Jurisdiction	Last Updated: 1:30 p.m.
Arlington	138 (126 recovered)
Bothell*	251 (210 recovered)
Brier	23 (22 recovered)
Darrington	<5 (<5 recovered)
Edmonds	381 (322 recovered)
Everett	1,158 (924 recovered)
Gold Bar	<5 (<5 recovered)
Granite Falls	30 (30 recovered)
Index	0
Lake Stevens	141 (124 recovered)
Lynnwood	695 (621 recovered)
Marysville	332 (234 recovered)
Mill Creek	60 (51 recovered)
Monroe	97 (83 recovered)
Mountlake Terrace	125 (112 recovered)
Mukilteo	71 (67 recovered)
Snohomish	178 (156 recovered)
Stanwood	121 (99 recovered)
Sultan	9 (8 recovered)
Tulalip	25 (22 recovered)
Unknown/Other	<5 (<5 recovered)
Woodinville*	12 (11 recovered)
Woodway	8 (8 recovered)

Numbers less than 5 are suppressed to protect medical privacy. Unknown includes cases still under investigation. *Counts are for portions in Snohomish County only.